

## **Program D: Voter Registration**

### **OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

Unless otherwise indicated, all objectives are to be accomplished during or by the end of FY 2002-2003. Performance indicators are made up of two parts: name and value. The indicator name describes what is being measured. The indicator value is the numeric value or level achieved within a given measurement period. For budgeting purposes, performance indicators are shown for the prior fiscal year, the current fiscal year, and alternative funding scenarios (continuation budget level and Executive Budget recommendation level) for the ensuing fiscal year of the budget document.

The objectives and performance indicators that appear below are associated with program funding in the Base Executive Budget for FY 2002-2003.

DEPARTMENT ID: 04C Department of Elections and Registration

AGENCY ID: 04-144 Commissioner of Elections

PROGRAM ID: Program D: Voter Registration

1. (KEY) To assist and direct registrars of voters, administer rules and regulations, conform to state and federal law, serve liaison and troubleshooting functions between the registrars of voters and various governmental agencies.

Strategic Link: This operational objective relates to Objective 1 for the Voter Registration Program in the department's strategic plan: *Through the Voter Registration Program, the Department will assist and direct registrars of voters, administer rules and regulations, conform to state and federal law, serve liaison and troubleshooting functions between the registrars of voters and various governmental agencies. In addition, the Department will monitor the voter registration database to evaluate the Registrars of Voters compliance with directives. Through the Registration Program, the Department will coordinate various agency-based registration under the National Voter Registration Act and encourage voter registration methods that make voter registration readily available and convenient, as measured by a percentage of voter registrations from nontraditional sources.*

Louisiana: Vision 2020 Link: This operational objective is related to Goal 1, Objective 1.8: *To improve the efficiency and accountability of governmental agencies.*

Children's Cabinet Link: Not applicable

Other Link(s): Not applicable

Explanatory Note: To accomplish this objective, the Registration Administration Section provides information to registrars of voters concerning changes in the law that affect the registration process, develops rules and regulations to be followed by parish registrars of voters, investigates means of voter registration through new technologies, coordinates various agency-based registrations under the National Voter Registration Act, conducts all initial and follow-up training, and submits all reports and surveys to the Federal Elections Commission.

L E V E L	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR NAME	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR VALUES					
		YEAREND PERFORMANCE STANDARD FY 2000-2001	ACTUAL YEAREND PERFORMANCE FY 2000-2001	ACT 12 PERFORMANCE STANDARD FY 2001-2002	EXISTING PERFORMANCE STANDARD FY 2001-2002	AT CONTINUATION BUDGET LEVEL FY 2002-2003	AT RECOMMENDED BUDGET LEVEL FY 2002-2003
K	Average response time to provide voter registration forms (in days)	3	1	3	3	1	1

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GENERAL PERFORMANCE INFORMATION: VOTER REGISTRATION					
PERFORMANCE INDICATOR NAME	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR VALUES				
	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 1996-97	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 1997-98	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 1998-99	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 1999-00	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 2000-01
Total number of registered voters (highest number during fiscal year)	2,509,733	2,654,222	2,695,476	2,745,016	2,798,308
Number of active registered voters (highest number during fiscal year)	Not Available <sup>1</sup>	2,466,389	2,528,744	2,543,136	2,601,472
Number of inactive registered voters (highest number during fiscal year)	Not Available <sup>1</sup>	187,833	166,732	248,288	247,208
Percentage change in total number of registered voters	2.2%	5.8%	1.6%	1.8%	1.9%

<sup>1</sup> In FY 1997-98, the software for providing voter registration statistics was modified to capture both active and inactive voter registration data. Prior to that point, data for these indicators are not available. The figures are the highest numbers for each type during the fiscal year. However, the highest levels of each may not occur at the same time during the fiscal year.

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2. (KEY) To registrar voters, update voter rolls, review all incoming voter registration application forms for completeness, and request additional information of all incomplete forms.

Strategic Link: This operational objective correlates to Objective 2 for the Voter Registration Program in the department's strategic plan: *Through the Voter Registration Program, parish registrars of voters will register voters, update voter rolls, review all incoming voter registration application forms for completeness, and request additional information of all incomplete forms. The registrars of voters will canvass voters to insure that an individual is registered in the parish, ward and/or precinct in which the voter resides, cancel voter registrations of all voters who are deceased, and suspend the registration of individuals who are interdicted or convicted of a felony.*

Louisiana: Vision 2020 Link: This operational objective is related to Goal 1, Objective 1.8: *To improve the efficiency and accountability of governmental agencies.*

Children's Cabinet Link: Not applicable

Other Link(s): Not applicable

Explanatory Note: To accomplish this objective, the Registrars of Voters Section registers voters, updates voter rolls, reviews all incoming voter registration application forms for completeness, and requests additional information on all incomplete forms. The registrars of voters canvass voters to ensure than an individual is registered in the parish, ward, and precinct in which the voter resides, cancel voter registrations of all voters who are deceased, and suspend the registrations of individuals who are interdicted or convicted of a felony.

Explanatory Note: In accordance with statutory requirements, the Department of Elections and Registration is required to pay the state's share of the salaries for registrars of voters and their employess, as well as a pro-rated portion of the annual cost of the canvass.

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		YEAREND PERFORMANCE STANDARD FY 2000-2001	ACTUAL YEAREND PERFORMANCE FY 2000-2001	ACT 12 PERFORMANCE STANDARD FY 2001-2002	EXISTING PERFORMANCE STANDARD FY 2001-2002	AT CONTINUATION BUDGET LEVEL FY 2002-2003	AT RECOMMENDED BUDGET LEVEL FY 2002-2003
K	Total number of registered voters (highest number during fiscal year)	3,095,800	2,798,308	2,850,000 <sup>1</sup>	2,850,000 <sup>1</sup>	2,805,000	2,805,000

<sup>1</sup> This performance standard was based on projections of 2,598,000 active registered voters and 252,000 inactive registered voters.

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GENERAL PERFORMANCE INFORMATION: NEW VOTER REGISTRATIONS, BY TYPE					
PERFORMANCE INDICATOR NAME	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR VALUES				
	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 1996-97	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 1997-98	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 1998-99	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 1999-00	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 2000-01
Total number of new voter registrations	211,499	147,039	157,315	156,557	160,802
Number of new voter registrations from traditional sources	42,530	19,780	22,648	25,705	27,628
No. of new voter registrations from state LRI Form	41,888	19,663	22,496	25,412	26,466
No. of new voter registrations from federal postcard	1,342	117	152	293	1,162
Number of new voter registrations from nontraditional sources	168,969	127,259	134,667	130,852	133,174
No. of new voter registrations from public assistance	12,102	10,111	7,978	6,813	5,241
No. of new voter registrations from motor vehicle office	84,505	87,511	86,860	80,421	76,626
No. of new voter registrations from mail form	60,351	21,095	30,146	34,342	42,318
No. of new voter registrations from optional registration site	9,955	6,890	8,304	8,308	8,055
No. of new voter registrations from social services	1,312	1,501	1,227	840	758
No. of new voter registrations from military form	744	151	152	128	176
Percentage of new voter registration applications	20.1%	13.5%	14.4%	16.4%	17.2%
Percentage of new voter registration from state LRI Form	19.5%	13.4%	14.3%	16.2%	16.5%
Percentage of new voter registration from federal post card	0.6%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.7%
Percentage of new voter registration applications received	79.9%	86.5%	85.6%	83.6%	82.8%
Percentage of new voter registration from public assistance	5.7%	6.9%	5.0%	4.4%	3.3%
Percentage of new voter registration from motor vehicle office	40.0%	59.5%	55.2%	51.4%	47.6%
Percentage of new voter registration from mail form	28.5%	14.3%	19.2%	21.9%	26.3%
Percentage of new voter registration from optional registration site	4.7%	4.7%	5.3%	5.3%	5.0%
Percentage of new voter registration from social services	0.6%	1.0%	0.8%	0.5%	0.5%
Percentage of new voter registration from military form	0.4%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%

